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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

1. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.
2. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is dismissed.
- a) ☐ The requisite petition fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ has not been received.
- b) ☐ Other :

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3. ☒ The amendment filed on 11 January 2001 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- d) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

*Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled. The change to claim 5 was not made as this change was previously made in the examiner's amendment dated 10/17/00.*

  
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